

## Evening Telegraph

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1864.

## PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

## A PATRIOTIC AND ELOQUENT LETTER.

## The New Constitution of Maryland.

## THE PRESIDENT WISHES "ALL MEN TO BE FREE."

Slavery "the Only Thing That Could Bring the Nation to Civil War."

RAISING, Oct. 10.—A very large meeting was held last night in Monument Square, of the friends of the new Constitution.

SENATE WELCOMED AS AMONGST THE SPEAKERS.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT LINCOLN WAS READ IN SEPARATELY:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.

H. W. HEPFNER.—My dear Sir.—A convention of Maryland has formed a new Constitution for the State. A public meeting is called for this evening at Baltimore, to aid in securing its ratification by the people. You will send a word from me on the occasion. I present you with a copy of the instrument, which there is no actuarial controvertible, that which provides for the extinction of slavery. It needs not to be a secret, and I presume it is no secret that I wish success to this provision. I desire it on every consideration. I wish all men to be free. I wish the material prosperity of the already free, when I feel secure in their freedom. I wish the slaves, who are in process of emancipation, to be free, than which could bring this nation to civil war.

ATTEMPT AT RECONSTITUTION.—Argument upon the question is already exhausted by the able, better informed and more immediately interested sons of Maryland herself. I only add that I shall be gratified exceedingly if the good people or the State shall by their vote ratify the new Constitution.

Yours truly,

A. LINCOLN.

## OFFICIAL WAR GAZETTE.

## FIRST WAR BULLETIN.

## The Union and Federal Losses in the Late Movement.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10, 4:30 P.M.—Major-General Dix, New York.—Telegraphic communication with General GRANT's headquarters has been established, and in a despatch dated at one o'clock this P.M., the General reports as follows:—"I find our losses the other day were much less than first reported. Four hundred and twenty-four men killed and mortally wounded, and a great many disabled into ten thousand. The loss of the enemy could not be less than ten or twelve hundred."

(Signed) U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant-General.  
E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

## SECOND WAR BULLETIN.

## Our Losses in the Recent Battles on the James River.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10, 7:30 P.M.—Major-General JOHN A. DIX, New York.—Since my despatch of this afternoon a fuller report has just been furnished by General GRANT, dated at 12 m. on Friday, giving the exact number of men killed and wounded, and also giving an account of our losses in the enemy's attack on our lines on Friday, the 7th inst., does not exceed three hundred in killed, wounded and missing.

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